Honorable Mike Nofs Chairman, House Energy and Technology Committee Lansing, MI. 48909

Dear Chairman Nofs:

I am writing to you on behalf of MXenergy in support of House Bill 5811, which amends the Home Sales Solicitation Act (HSSA) to exempt licensed gas and electric suppliers from the requirement of section 113 of the Act for a written signature from residential customers subject to home sales solicitations.

MXenergy is one of the nation's fastest-growing providers of natural gas to consumers. It provides customers a choice of gas suppliers in eleven states and one Canadian province. MXenergy has participated in the Michigan Public Service Commission's Gas Choice program since it was licensed by the Commission in March. 2004. MXenergy is convinced that the Gas Choice program administered by the Commission provides greater protection for consumers than the provisions of the HSSA. As a Commissioner during the development of the Gas Choice Program, I can attest to the thoroughness and integrity of the Commission's program.

The Commission procedures and tariffs, enacted pursuant to Act 634 of 2002, provide for third party verification of the customer's consent to sign up for service with an alternative supplier and for a 30 day cancellation period for consumers, which is ten times the amount of time allowed by the HSSA. Moreover, alternative gas suppliers, under the Commission's program are subject to substantial penalties for slamming, cramming, and deceptive marketing practices.

MXenergy believes that HB 5811 will codify the existing Gas Choice program of the Commission and permit the continuation of competitive choice to millions of Michigan ratepayers concerned about the volatility of natural gas prices.

Sincerely,

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